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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated August 17, 1999, and issued against the above identified patent application, please enter the following amendment to the claim 1.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 3, delete in and insert -- on--.

Claim 1, line 6, after "elearance", insert --while trimming--.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 5 and 10 through 17 are pending in this application. Claims 6 through 9 and 18 through 45 stand withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.